

Today's News - February 20, 2006

ArcSpace brings us Gehry's Alzheimer's Institute in Las Vegas, and Saucier + Perrotte hit high notes in Montreal. – The dilemma of building workforce housing in the U.S. (it's not all the developers' fault). – In L.A., nothing could save the Ambassador Hotel from the wrecking ball. – A restored Sullivan in Chicago raises the city's visual I.Q. – Will that bode well for Adler & Sullivan's Pilgrim Baptist Church? – Barbs and charges continue to fly over Kimmel Center flap. – Are towers getting too tall in Minneapolis? – University of Cincinnati's commitment to contemporary architecture helps bring a "limping" Ohio into the 21st century. – This week, Palm Springs celebrates its Modern masters (great slide show!). – Vuitton's new Paris flagship defies French expectations of luxury. – An architect shaping landmarks in Thailand. – Jiricna set to bring sparkle to Prague. – Q&A with Getty Villa project manager. – A photographer makes the real world look like a model.

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[-- Saucier + Perrotte: Menkès Shooner Dagenais, Faculty of Music, McGill University, Montreal](#)

[Solutions to Workforce Housing Problems Won't Be Found in the Market Alone: When financial incentives and regulatory mandates are lacking, affordable housing for many employed in the nation's workforce will not be developed privately.](#) By Roger K. Lewis- Washington Post

[No Vacancy at the Ambassador Hotel: Demolition...was completed last month, making way for construction of three new city schools...preservationist groups that considered it both a Los Angeles and American landmark fought for its survival. That didn't save it from the wrecking ball.](#) -- Myron Hunt; Paul Williams (1921) [images]- AIArchitect

[Carson Pirie Scott restoration would make \[Louis\] Sullivan smile: Every time a masterpiece like this is restored, it raises Chicago's visual IQ, encouraging tomorrow's buildings to be as good as yesterday's.](#) By Blair Kamin -- T. Gunny Harboe/Austin AECOM; Tim Samuelson- Chicago Tribune

[Fire-ravaged church's walls could be saved: ...comments provide an indication that \[Pilgrim Baptist Church\] is not a total loss, and that its remaining exterior walls, which resemble Roman ruins, may not have to be bulldozed.](#) By Blair Kamin and Antonio Olivo -- Adler & Sullivan (1891); Wiss, Janney, Elstner Associates; Tim Samuelson- Chicago Tribune

[Architect: Kimmel has itself to blame: Sued over cost overruns, the Viñoly firm says it did what was asked. It calls the suit a fund-raiser for the arts center.](#)- Philadelphia Inquirer

[Architect-arts center dispute heats up: ...2 1/2-page letter from Viñoly says that cost increases were created by the Kimmel's own "late decisions and gilded tastes."](#)- Philadelphia Inquirer

[Will towers overpower Minneapolis' amenities? Tall buildings are springing up everywhere, especially around Minneapolis' prized lakes and river, which supposedly are protected by a city ordinance.](#) By Linda Mack- Minneapolis Star Tribune

[In Cincinnati, a university transforms itself: By most measures, Ohio is limping into the 21st century. ...viewed through the lens of contemporary architecture, the picture is far more encouraging.](#) By Steve Litt -- Thom Mayne/Morphosis; Hadid; Eisenman; Gehry; Graves; Cobb; Cambridge Seven; Gwathmey Siegal; Moore Rubell Yudell; Hargreaves- Cleveland Plain Dealer

[Retro-style homes making a comeback: A renewed interest in all things modern is consuming the desert... -- Bill Krisel; William Cody; Don Wexler; Albert Frey; E. Stewart Williams; Alexander Co.; Richard Neutra; Arthur Elrod; A. Quincy Jones; Paul R. Williams \[slide show; related articles\]](#)- The Desert Sun (Palm Springs)

[East Meets West on the Champs-Élysées: Targeting Asian tourists, Louis Vuitton's new Paris flagship defies French expectations of luxury.](#) -- Eric Carlson; Peter Marino [images]- Metropolis Magazine

[Designer gives shapes to new landmarks: Experience with Norman Foster boosts Dutch-Thai architect's body of work -- Hans Brouwer](#)- The Nation (Thailand)

[Future perfect: Her chic boutiques have already lit up London. Now she's bringing new life to Prague.](#) Eva Jiricna talks to Steve Rose- Guardian (UK)

[Reimagined, Restored Getty Villa Opens to 'Wow' Reviews: Q&A with project manager Corbin Smith.](#) -- Machado & Silvetti; SPF:architects; Emmett Wemple (1974); Dennis Kurutz- The Planning Report

[Olivo Barbieri's model world.](#) By Andrew Blum [images!]- Metropolis Magazine

[Symbol and Celebration: Reginald F. Lewis Museum of Maryland African American History & Culture: Modern design, vibrant colors, and symbolic interior elements help create a new cultural destination in Baltimore's Inner Harbor and museum district.](#) -- The Freelon Group/RTKL [images]- ArchNewsNow

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